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Annual Reports
OF THE
Town and School Officers
OF
CROYDON
NEW HAMPSHIRE



For the year ending
DECEMBER 31, 1975



Presentation of Bicentennial Flag to Town of Croydon

In Memoriam

Elsie Sandreuter 1904 - 1975

It is truly fitting that this Bicentennial issue of the Town Report be dedicated to Elsie Sandreuter, for she exemplified the spirit of the pioneers of this Town. She had the qualities of self-reliance, independence, and most of all, the desire and ability to help her fellow man.

Elsie was born in the state of Washington, in 1904 and lived there until 1951. She was married to Stuart Sandreuter in 1939 and after moving to the East, they settled in Croydon in the spring of 1963.



Upon their arrival to Croydon they proceeded (as our pioneer forefathers would have) to build a home, plant a garden, put down provisions for the winter, and most important of all, to make friends.

Shortly after her arrival in Croydon, Elsie joined the Good Neighbor Club. She served as president of the club in 1967 and 1968 and as secretary from 1969 until 1975. It was as a member of the Good Neighbor Club that Elsie showed her great feelings of service to people and to the town. Always a willing worker, always with a smile and always doing for others, she was truly a "good neighbor."

How many new brides in Croydon have carried one of Elsie's hand tatted lace handkerchiefs in their wedding or how many homes in the town have been graced by Elsie's exquisite handiwork or floral arrangements will probably never be known. Those who have been fortunate to have a bit of Elsie's talented artistry in their possession will readily attest to the fact that she had that special ability to create things of beauty. Perhaps there is much truth in the adage, "Only beauty can beget beauty".

We shall all miss Elsie. She was a good and dear friend to all.



Frye's Store, East Village



Charles Frye and His Blacksmith Shop

125th.

ANNUAL REPORTS

OF THE

SELECTMEN, TREASURER, ROAD AGENT

POLICE CHIEF AND TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST

FUNDS AND OTHER OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

of the

TOWN OF CROYDON

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Together with the Report of the

SCHOOL BOARD

and the

VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR 1975

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TOWN OFFICERS

Moderator

Willis H. Ballou, Sr.

Town Clerk and Treasurer

Rita Gross

Selectmen

Harry Newcomb

Jules Pellerin

David Shackett

Tax Collector

Veronica Newcomb

Supervisors of the Checklist

Katharine Fogg

Janet Pellerin

Agnes MacKenzie

Ballot Clerks

Margaret Weber

Dorothy Ballou

Mildred Vaine

Health Officers

Harry P. Newcomb

Police Department

Chief
Special Officer

Roderick Hansen
Frank Holmes

Forest Fire Warden

Harry P. Newcomb

Road Agent

Frank Dearden

Planning Board

William Walsh

David Shackett
Robert Burnside

Willis H. Ballou, Jr.
Ramona Truell

Trustees of Trust Funds

Patricia Sawyer

Marie Newcomb

Diane Lurvey

Librarian

Donna Leslie

Library Trustees

Margaret Weber

Dorothy Ballou

Pearl McIntosh
~~Doris Farrington~~

Auditors

Janet Pellerin

Katharine Fogg

SCHOOL OFFICERS

School Board

Agnes MacKenzie

William Walsh

Dorothy Ballou

Moderator

Willis H. Ballou, Jr.

Clerk and Treasurer

Willis H. Ballou, Sr.

Auditor

Beatrice Smith

TOWN WARRANT

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the inhabitants of the Town of Croydon, in the County of Sullivan qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are notified to meet at the Town Hall in said Town on Tuesday, the 2nd day of March next, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, (polls not to close earlier than 6 o'clock in the afternoon) to act upon the following subjects:

ART. 1. To choose one Selectman for three years, one Selectman for two years, Highway Agent, two Auditors, Library Trustee for three years, one Trustee of Trust Funds for three years, and all such officers and agents as may be necessary for transaction of the town's business for the ensuing year.

ART. 2. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Planning.

ART. 3. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate to defray Town Charges for the ensuing year.

ART. 4. To see if the Town will vote to accept State Aid for Class V roads and vote to raise and appropriate \$515.51 for same. The State to contribute \$3,436.77.

ART. 5. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for summer and winter road maintenance.

ART. 6. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for General Expense of the Highway Department.

ART. 7. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for maintenance of Town Dump.

ART. 8. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for upkeep of cemeteries.

ART. 9. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for cutting brush.

ART. 10. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Capital Reserve Fund to be used for new equipment.

ART. 11. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Street Lights and Lighting Town Buildings.

ART. 12. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Social Security on Town Employees for the ensuing year.

ART. 13. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to hire all necessary sums of money for use during the year in anticipation of taxes.

ART. 14. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Insurance.

ART. 15. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Old Age Assistance.

ART. 16. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise appropriate to defray the cost of Library, including Librarian's Salary, Heat, etc.

ART. 17. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Newport Area Home Health Agency.

ART. 18. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Solid Waste Fund and authorize the withdrawal of \$2,500.00 for this purpose from the Revenue Sharing Fund established under the state and local assistance act of 1972.

ART. 19. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Capital Reserve Fund for new equipment and authorize the withdrawal of \$2,500.00 for this purpose from the Revenue Sharing Fund established under the state and local assistance act of 1972.

ART. 20. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for a tax map and authorize the withdrawal of the balance of the Revenue Sharing Fund established under the state and local assistance act of 1972 for this purpose.

ART. 21. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$64.00 as its share of the cost of publicizing and promoting the natural attractions of the Dartmouth-Lake Sunapee Region.

ART. 22. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$118.00 for the prevention of White Pine Blister Rust.

ART. 23. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Newport Hospital.

ART. 24. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Croydon Police Department.

ART. 25. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$215.00 to continue its membership in the Upper Valley-Lake Sunapee Council.

ART. 26. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000.00 for the purpose of having a soil survey done for the purpose of compiling a town master plan.

ART. 27. To see if the Town will vote to continue for one additional year the Interim Zoning Ordinance enacted under the provisions of RSA 36-C.

ART. 28. To see if the Town will vote to elect the members of the Planning Board, instead of pursuing the present policy of having them appointed by the Selectmen.

ART. 29. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to transfer the balance of the Special Bridge Fund to a Fire Department Fund for the purpose of purchasing fire equipment.

ART. 30. To see if the Town will vote to adopt the following resolution in compliance with application to the Federal Flood Insurance Program:

WHEREAS, certain areas of Croydon are subject to periodic flooding from Streams, Rivers, Lakes, Etc., causing serious damages to properties within these areas; and

WHEREAS, relief is available in the form of Federally subsidized flood insurance as authorized by the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of this Town Meeting to require the recognition and evaluation of flood hazards in the floodplain areas having special flood hazards; and

WHEREAS, this body has the legal authority to adopt land use and control measures to reduce future flood losses pursuant to New Hampshire RSA Chapter 31, 36, 156, and 156A.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That this Town Meeting hereby:

1. Assures the Federal Insurance Administration that it intends to enact and maintain in force for those areas having defined flood hazards, adequate land use and control measures with effective enforcement provisions consistent with the Criteria set forth in Section 1910 of the National Flood Insurance Program Regulations; and

2. Vests the Planning Board with the responsibility, authority, and means to:

- (a) Delineate or assist the Administrator, at his request, in delineating the limits of the areas having special flood hazards on available local maps of sufficient scale to identify the location of building sites.

- (b) Provide such information as the Administrator may request concerning present uses and occupancy of the floodplain.

- (c) Cooperate with Federal, state, and local agencies and private firms which undertake to study, survey, map, and identify floodplain areas, and cooperate with neighboring communities with respect to management of adjoining floodplains in order to prevent aggravation of existing hazards.

(d) Submit on the anniversary date of the community's initial eligibility an annual report to the Administrator on the progress made during the past year within the community in the development and implementation of floodplain management measures.

3. Appoints the Building Permit Officer (Board of Selectmen or Building Inspector) to maintain for public inspection and to furnish upon request a record of elevations (in relation to mean sea level) of the lowest floor (including basement) of all new or substantially improved structures located in the special flood hazard areas. If the lowest floor is below grade on one or more sides, the elevation of the floor immediately above must also be recorded.

4. Intends to take such other official action within its powers as may be reasonably necessary to carry out the objectives of the program.

ART. 31. To see if the Town will vote to adopt the Building Permit System in compliance with application to the Federal Flood Insurance Program, a copy of which is on file in the Town Clerk's office.

ART. 32. To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Given under our hands and seals at said Croydon this 14th day of February, 1976.

HARRY P. NEWCOMB
JULES H. PELLERIN
DAVID A. SHACKETT
Selectmen of Croydon

A true copy of Warrant—Attest:

HARRY P. NEWCOMB
JULES H. PELLERIN
DAVID A. SHACKETT
Selectmen of Croydon

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF CROYDON

Appropriations and Estimates of Revenue for the Ensuing Year January 1, 1975 to December 31, 1975

Sources of Revenue	Estimated Revenue Previous Year 1975	Actual Revenue Previous Year 1975	Estimated Revenue Year Ensuing 1976
General Government:			
Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,239.73	\$ 4,500.00
Town Officers' Expenses	1,000.00	629.02	1,000.00
Election & Regis. Exp.	1,000.00	1,321.93	1,800.00
Dry Hydrants	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
Town Hall & Other			
Town Buildings	2,000.00	679.86	2,000.00
Employees' Retirement & Social Security	1,000.00	939.06	1,100.00
Town Hall Roof	825.00	818.59	
Protection of Persons & Property:			
Police Department	3,001.00	4,669.23	2,000.00
Fire Department	500.00	2,934.43	2,500.00
Insurance	1,500.00	1,871.00	2,000.00
Planning & Zoning	550.00	97.22	2,000.00
Damages & Legal Expense	100.00	2,242.16	200.00
Perambulation	200.00		200.00
Health Department:			
Hospitals & Ambulance	2,451.20	1,991.04	2,000.00
Cutting Brush	1,000.00	568.50	750.00
Town Dump & Garbage Removal	800.00	841.36	800.00
Highways & Bridges:			
		6,962.20	
Town Maintenance—			
Summer & Winter	14,000.00	24,258.65	14,000.00
Street Lighting	900.00	1,047.01	1,100.00
General Expenses of Highway Department	5,000.00	5,329.24	5,000.00
Town Road Aid	521.36	4,104.61	515.51

Libraries:	900.00	900.00	900.00
Public Welfare:			
Town Poor & Child Welfare	500.00	414.40	500.00
Old Age Assistance	1,500.00	3,107.86	3,000.00
Patriotic Purposes:			
Memorial Day, etc.	800.00	537.64	100.00
Public Service Enterprises:			
Cemeteries	500.00	746.60	500.00
Advertising & Regional Associations	289.00	406.67	450.00
Debt Service:			
Interest—Long Term Notes & Bonds		30,000.00	
Interest on Temporary Loans		855.89	500.00
Capital Outlay:			
Taxes Bought by Town		4,163.86	
Tax Refund		114.49	
Bond & Debt Ret.		2,053.48	
Taxes Paid to County		13,697.21	
Payments to School Districts		69,839.10	
Payments to Capital Reserve Funds:			
New Equipment	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
Solid Waste	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
Total Appropriations	\$ 50,337.56	\$197,882.04	\$ 54,915.51

**Appropriations and Estimates of Revenue for the Ensuing
Year January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976**

Sources of Revenue	Estimated Revenue Previous Year 1975	Actual Revenue Previous Year 1975	Estimated Revenue Ensuing Year 1976
From State:			
Interest & Dividends Tax \$	1,200.00	\$ 1,761.05	\$ 1,500.00
Gas Tax	400.00	340.98	350.00
Savings Bank Tax	150.00	186.76	150.00
Meals & Rooms Tax	2,000.00	1,934.68	2,000.00
Highway Sub. (Cl. IV & V)	7,119.80	7,119.80	6,745.51
Duncan Fund	4,748.61	4,748.61	4,500.56
Reim. A/C Business Profits Tax (Town Portion)	3,500.00	4,277.04	4,000.00
T. R. A.		2,613.95	3,436.77
½ Reimbursement Fires		166.16	
From Local Sources:			
Dog Licenses	250.00	252.50	250.00
Business Licenses, Permits & Filing Fees		16.00	
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	5,000.00	5,200.43	5,000.00
Income from Trust Funds		348.00	
School District—			
Sale of Gas	500.00	445.75	500.00
Resident Taxes Retained		1,740.00	
Normal Yield Taxes Assessed	3,000.00	3,013.95	
Rent of Town Property		100.00	
Sale of Town Property		130.00	
Green Acres—Fire		7.96	
Void 1974 Check		8.53	
Bond & Note Issues		30,000.00	
Insurance Refund		25.00	
Revenue Sharing	7,500.00	8,915.00	7,500.00
Total Revenues	\$ 35,368.41	\$ 73,352.15	

SUMMARY INVENTORY OF VALUATION

Town of Croydon in Sullivan County

CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that the information contained in this report was taken from official records and is correct to the best of our knowledge and belief.

September 29, 1975

HARRY P. NEWCOMB

JULES H. PELLERIN

DAVID A. SHACKETT

Selectmen of Croydon

LAND—Improved and Unimproved	\$1,310,889.00
Buildings	2,923,748.00
Factory Buildings	100,000.00
Public Utilities—Electric	
Public Service of N. H.	239,993.00
N. H. Electric Coop.	700.00
	240,693.00
House Trailers, Mobile Homes & Travel	
Trailers Assessed as Personal Property	80,200.00
Boats & Launches	5,250.00
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Total Valuation Before Exemptions Allowed	\$4,660,780.00
Elderly Exemptions (12)	\$35,400.00
Total Exemptions Allowed	35,400.00
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Net Valuation on Which Tax Rate	
is computed	4,625,380.00
Number of Inventories Distributed in 1975	311
Date 1975 Inventories Were Mailed	March 10, 1975
Number of Inventories Returned in 1975	226

**STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS
AND TAXES ASSESSED
For the Tax Year 1975**

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September 29, 1975

HARRY P. NEWCOMB

JULES H. PELLERIN

DAVID A. SHACKETT

Selectmen of Croydon

Appropriations

Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 4,000.00
Town Officers' Expenses	1,000.00
Election & Registration Expenses	1,000.00
Town Hall & Other Town Buildings	2,000.00
Employees' Retirement & Social Security	1,000.00
Newport Hospital	200.00
Police Department	3,001.00
Fire Department	500.00
Insurance	1,500.00
Planning & Zoning	550.00
Damages & Legal Expenses	100.00
Health Department	1,680.00
Town Dump & Garbage Collection	800.00
Town Maintenance—Summer & Winter	14,000.00

Street Lighting	900.00
General Expenses of Highway Department	5,000.00
Town Road Aid	521.36
Libraries	900.00
Town Poor	500.00
Old Age Assistance	1,500.00
Bicentennial Fund	500.00
Patriotic Purposes (Memorial Day, etc.)	300.00
Perambulation	200.00
Cemeteries	500.00
Newport Area Home Health Agency	571.20
Cutting Brush	1,000.00
Town Hall Roof	825.00
Payment to Capital Reserve Funds for New Equip.	2,000.00
Payment to Capital Reserve Funds Solid Waste	2,000.00
Upper Valley Council	289.00
Dry Hydrant Appropriation	1,500.00
Total Town Appropriations	<u>\$ 50,337.56</u>

Less: Estimated Revenues and Credits

Interest and Dividends Tax	\$ 1,200.00
Gas Tax Refund	400.00
Savings Bank Tax	150.00
Meals and Rooms Tax	2,000.00
Revenue from Yield Tax Sources	3,000.00
Dog Licenses	250.00
Motor Vehicle Permit Fes	5,000.00
School Dist., Gas Refund	500.00
Resident Taxes	2,330.00
Revenue Sharing	7,500.00
Highway Subsidy	7,119.80
Total Revenues and Credits	<u>\$ 29,449.80</u>

Net Town Appropriations	\$ 20,887.76
Net School Appropriations	71,301.81
County Tax Assessment	13,697.21
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Total of Town, School and County	\$105,886.78
Deduct: Total Bus. Profits Tax Reim.	3,500.00
Add: War Service Tax Credits	1,950.00
Add: Overlay	7,000.00
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Property Taxes to be Raised	\$105,941.28

TOWN CHARGES

Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 4,239.73
Town Officers' Expenses	629.02
Election & Registration Expenses	1,321.93
Expenses of Town Hall & Other Town Buildings	1,498.45
Fire Department	2,934.43
Memorial Day	37.64
Interest on Short Term Loans	855.89
Ambulance (2 Years)	1,464.00
Legal Services	2,242.16
Zoning	69.97
Bicentennial Celebration	500.00
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Total	\$ 15,793.22

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES
Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 1975

Title of Appropriation	Appropriation	Receipts and Reimburse.	Total Amount Available	Expenditures	Unexpended Balance	Overdrafts
Town Charge	\$12,280.00		\$12,280.00	\$15,793.22		\$ 3,592.42
T. R. A.	521.36	\$ 3,475.72	3,997.08	4,104.61		108.53
Roads (Summer and Winter)	14,000.00		14,000.00	10,765.75	3,234.25	
Gen. Exp. of Highway	5,000.00		5,000.00	5,329.24		329.24
Town Dump	800.00		800.00	841.36		41.36
Cutting Brush	1,000.00		1,000.00	568.50	431.50	
Cemeteries	500.00	348.00	848.00	746.60	101.40	
Capital Reserve—Equipment	2,000.00		2,000.00	2,000.00		
Capital Reserve—Solid Waste	2,000.00		2,000.00	2,000.00		
Street Lighting	900.00		900.00	1,047.01		147.01
Social Security	1,000.00		1,000.00	939.06	60.94	
Insurance	1,500.00		1,500.00	1,871.00		371.00
Old Age Assistance	1,500.00		1,500.00	3,107.86		1,607.86
Library	900.00		900.00	900.00		
Newport Area Home Health Agency	571.20		571.20	527.04	44.16	
Newport Hospital	200.00		200.00		200.00	
Police Department	3,001.00		3,001.00	4,669.23		1,668.23
Town Hall Roof	825.00		825.00	818.59	6.41	
Upper Valley-Lake Sunapee Council	289.00		289.00	289.00		
Dry Hydrants	1,500.00		1,500.00	1,500.00		
Planning	50.00		50.00	27.25	22.75	
Totals	\$50,337.56	\$ 3,823.72	\$54,161.28	\$57,845.32	\$ 4,057.25	\$ 7,909.81

FINANCIAL REPORT
for the
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1975

CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that the information contained in this report was taken from official records and is complete to the best of our knowledge and belief.

HARRY P. NEWCOMB
JULES H. PELLERIN
DAVID A. SHACKETT

BALANCE SHEET

Assets

Cash:		
In hand of treasurer		\$ 17,776.39
Capital Reserve Funds:		
Solid Waste	\$ 20,607.09	
New Equipment	22,736.91	
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Total		\$ 43,344.00
Accounts Due to the Town:		
Due from State:		
T. R. A. Reimbursement		1,490.66
Unredeemed Taxes:		
Levy of 1974	3,763.86	
Levy of 1973	724.48	
Previous Years	308.22	
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Total		\$ 4,796.56
Uncollected Taxes:		
Levy of 1975, Incl. Resident Taxes	25,723.28	
Levy of 1974	3,101.30	
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Total		\$ 28,824.58
Total Assets		<hr/>
Grand Total		\$ 96,232.19
Current Deficit, December 31, 1974	1,998.86	
Current Surplus, December 31, 1975	3,862.04	
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Increase in Surplus	\$ 5,860.90	

Liabilities

Accounts Owed by the Town:

Unexpended Balances of Special	
Appropriations	\$ 200.00
Unexpended Revenue Sharing Funds	3,163.44

Due to State:

2%—Bond & Debt Retirement Taxes	
Uncollected	54.73
School Districts Tax Payable	44,116.34

Total Accounts Owed by Town	\$ 47,534.51
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State and Town Joint Highway

Construction Accounts:

Unexpended balance in State Treasury	1,490.66
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Capital Reserve Funds:

(Offsets similar Asset account)	43,344.98
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Total Liabilities	\$ 92,370.15
Current Surplus (Excess of assets over liabilities)	3,862.04
Grand Total	\$ 96,232.19

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

Motor Vehicle Permits:

5 Permits for 1974	\$ 36.76
404 Permits for 1975	5,163.67
	<hr/> \$ 5,200.43

Dog Licenses Issued:

51 Males @ \$2.00	\$ 102.00
32 Spayed Females @ \$2.00	64.00
12 Females @ \$5.00	60.00
1 Kennel License	12.00
29 Penalties @ \$1.00	29.00

Half-Year Licenses:

1 Male	1.00
1 Female	2.50
2 Spayed Females	2.00

	<hr/> \$ 272.50
Less Town Clerk Fees @ 20c Each	20.00
	<hr/> \$ 252.50

Your Town Clerk and Deputy Town Clerk attended the Town Clerk's Convention this past fall for the express purpose of schooling ourselves in the registration of motor vehicles for 1976. We can best explain this on a one-person basis when you register for the coming year. I hope you will register early to avoid the last-of-March congestion.

Never throw away an old Town Report. If you have old ones from surrounding towns, Mrs. Ida Dorsey will be interested in obtaining them. If they are Croydon Town Reports, and you no longer want them, I would like them for the future.

SUMMARY OF ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

March 4, 1975

Town Officials elected by ballot were as follows:

Selectman	David Allen
Road Agent	Frank Dearden
Town Treasurer for 3 yrs.	Rita D. Gross
Tax Collector for 3 yrs.	Veronica Newcomb
Town Clerk for 3 yrs.	Rita D. Gross
Library Trustee	Pearl McIntosh
Trustee of Trust Funds	Patricia A. Sawyer
Auditors	Katharine C. Fogg and Janet S. Pellerin

The business meeting began at 1:30 P. M.

A total of \$50,337.56 was raised and appropriated for Town expenditures. A complete list of these appropriations may be found on Page 00 of this report.

We voted to transfer \$3,000.00 from Revenue Sharing to Capital Reserve for New Equipment and to transfer \$3,000.00 to the Solid Waste Fund. Any remaining balance in the Revenue Sharing Fund is to be transferred to the Tax Map Fund.

The Town voted to empower the Selectmen to appoint a Bicentennial Committee to investigate the possibility of holding a Bicentennial Celebration in 1976 to commemorate our Nation's birth. This Committee was to report to the Selectmen on the first Selectmen's Meeting in September.

Two articles did not pertain to money but to a matter of policy. After considerable pros and cons, the Town voted to allow the Good Neighbor's Club to have a key to the Town Hall, and to keep the Town Hall available to the citizens of the Town year-round.

Under the last article was a request to have Town

Reports available to the Public sooner than Town Meeting Day.

Mr. Hunt mentioned that there is no place at the Flat for posting notices. This, too, has been commented on in past years. Once there was a store at the Flat but now we have none in that part of Town. Mr. Frank Dearden volunteered a spot on his lawn and the Selectmen indicated a willingness to see that some bulletin board would be erected.

The meeting adjourned at 4:45 P. M. and voting continued until 6:00 P. M. The Moderator then declared the polls closed and announced that 144 persons had voted and there were 239 names on the checklist. Moderator Willis H. Ballou, Sr. then turned the meeting over to his assistant, Willis H. Ballou, Jr. for the count of the ballots.

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

SUMMARY OF WARRANTS

Property, Resident and Yield Taxes

Levy of 1975

DR.

Taxes Committed to Collector:

Property Taxes	\$113,734.42	
Resident Taxes	2,330.00	
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Total Warrants		\$116,064.42
Yield Taxes		5,750.39
Interest Collected on Delinquent		
Property Taxes		2.03
Penalties Collected on Resident Taxes		22.00
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Total Debits		\$121,838.84

CR.

Remittances to Treasurer:

Property Taxes	\$ 88,621.14	
Resident Taxes	1,720.00	
Yield Taxes	3,013.95	
Interest Collected	2.03	
Penalties on Resident Taxes	22.00	
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		\$ 93,379.12

Uncollected Taxes—December 31, 1975:

(As Per Collector's List)

Property Taxes	\$ 25,113.28	
Resident Taxes	610.00	
Yield Taxes	2,736.44	
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		\$ 28,439.72
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Total Credits		\$121,838.84

SUMMARY OF WARRANTS

Property, Resident and Yield Taxes

Levy of 1974

DR.

Uncollected Taxes—As of January 1, 1975:

Property Taxes	\$ 23,995.86
Resident Taxes	410.00
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	\$ 24,405.86

Added Taxes:

Property Taxes	80.31
Interest Collected on Delinquent Property Taxes	904.75
Penalties Collected on Resident Taxes	41.00
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Total Debits \$ 25,431.92

CR.

Remittances to Treasurer During Fiscal Year:
Ended December 31, 1975:

Advertising Costs	\$ 4.80
Property Taxes	20,052.42
Resident Taxes	410.00
Interest Collected During Year	904.75
Penalties on Resident Taxes	41.00
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	\$ 21,412.97

Abatements Made During Year:

Property Taxes	910.75
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Uncollected Taxes—December 31, 1975:
(As Per Collector's List)

Advertising Costs	\$ 6.90
Property Taxes	3,101.30
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	\$ 3,108.20

Total Credits \$ 25,431.92

SUMMARY OF WARRANTS

Property, Resident and Yield Taxes

Levy of 1973

DR.

Uncollected Taxes—As of January 1, 1975:

Resident Taxes	\$ 20.00
Penalties Collected on Resident Taxes	2.00

Total Debits	<hr/>	\$	22.00
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CR.

Remittances to Treasurer During Fiscal Year:

Ended December 31, 1975:

Resident Taxes	\$ 20.00
Penalties on Resident Taxes	2.00

Total Credits	<hr/>	\$	22.00
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SUMMARY OF TAX SALES ACCOUNTS

Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1975

DR.

—Tax Sales of Account of Levies of:—

	1974	1973	Previous Years
Balance of Unredeemed			
Taxes of January 1, 1975		\$1,025.57	\$ 308.22
Taxes Sold to Town during			
Current Fiscal Year	\$4,163.86		
Interest Collected After Sale		26.97	
Total Debits	<hr/> \$4,163.86	<hr/> \$1,052.54	<hr/> \$ 308.22

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Remittances to Treasurer

During Year:

Redemptions	\$ 400.00	\$ 301.09	
Interest & costs After Sale		26.97	
Unredeemed Taxes—			
December 31, 1975	<hr/> \$3,763.86	<hr/> 724.48	<hr/> 308.22
Total Credits	<hr/> \$4,163.86	<hr/> \$1,052.54	<hr/> \$ 308.22

UNREDEEMED TAXES FROM TAX SALES

DECEMBER 31, 1975

		— Levies of —	
	1974	1973	1972
Avery, Roger & Aileen	\$ 541.62		
Durgin, Arthur & Pamela	157.72		
Davis, Arthur Heirs of	449.29		
Davis & Symonds	455.30		
Faust, Nile & Mary Jane	815.49	\$ 607.38	
Land Auction Bureau	614.98		
Northern Forests	652.85		
Van Scoy, Harvey	76.61		
Van Buskirk, Francis & Keith		117.10	
Crockett, David			\$ 272.41
Newrock, William			35.81
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	\$3,763.86	\$ 724.48	\$ 308.22

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance January 1, 1975	\$ 27,572.73
Total Receipts	188,085.70
Total Payments	197,882.04
Balance December 31, 1975	17,776.39

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Receipts

Tax Collector—Taxes	\$115,542.15
Town Clerk—MV permits for 1974	36.76
MV permits for 1975	5,163.67
Dog licenses	252.50
Pistol permits	10.00
Filing fees	6.00
Supervisors of Check List—Sale of check list	5.00
First National Bank—4 Short-term loans	30,000.00
Selectmen—Rent of Town Hall	100.00
Sale of Old Town Cruiser	125.00
Green Acres Ice Cream Co.—Fire bill	7.96
Croydon School District—Purchase of gasoline	445.75
Hoidahl Insurance Co.—Refund	25.00
Trustees of Trust Funds—For the care of Cemetery lots	348.00
Town Treasurer—Void 1974 check #20126	8.53
Transfer funds from Bridge Account	6,962.20
Transfer funds from Road Reserve Account	5,898.15
State of N. H.—Highway subsidy	7,119.80
Highway	2,613.95
Class V roads	4,748.61
Gas tax refund	340.98
½ Reimbursement on fires	166.16
Interest and Dividends tax	1,761.05
Bank tax	186.76
Rooms & Meals tax	1,934.68
Business Profits tax	4,277.04
	\$188,085.70

Special Accounts

Revenue Sharing	\$ 3,163.44
Zoning Board	26.05
Yield Tax Account	10,407.14
Planning Board	662.41
Tax Map Fund	7,099.19
Road Reserve Fund	3,998.28
Bridges Account	2,177.99
Dry Hydrant Account	1,351.50
	\$ 28,886.00

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Revenue Sharing

Jan. 1, 1975		\$ 3,969.19
U. S. Government check \$	2,552.00	
U. S. Government check	2,552.00	
U. S. Government check	2,555.00	
U. S. Government check	1,256.00	
Bank interest	248.44	
Transferred to Tax Map Fund	\$ 3,969.19	
Capital Reserve—New Equipment	3,000.00	
Capital Reserve—Solid Waste	3,000.00	
Balance Dec. 31, 1975		3,163.44

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Zoning Board

Jan. 1, 1975 Balance		\$ 79.05
Shaun Carroll—		
Fee for Public Hearing \$	20.00	
Interest	1.09	
Argus-Champion—Advertising hearings	42.31	
William Greeley—Postage & telephone	31.78	
Balance Dec. 31, 1975		26.05

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Yield Tax

January 1, 1975 Balance		\$ 7,506.40
Davis & Symonds Lumber Co.		
for Sichel Swamp	300.00	
Controlled Forest Management		
BMF Section H	400.00	

Davis & Symonds		
Lumber Co.	2,000.00	
Bank Interest	492.29	
Balance Dec. 31, 1975		\$ 10,407.14

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Planning Board

Jan. 1, 1975 Balance		\$ 613.54
Sale of Sub-division regulations	8.00	
Jane Perry—Fee for Public Hearing	10.00	
Bank Interest	30.87	
Balance Dec. 31, 1975		\$ 662.41

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Tax Map

Jan. 1, 1975 Balance		\$ 2,878.73
Transferred from Revenue Sharing	3,969.19	
Bank Interest	251.27	
Balance Dec. 31, 1975		\$ 7,099.19

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Road Reserve

Jan. 1, 1975 Balance		\$ 9,654.64
Duncan Money transferred to General Fund	5,898.15	
Bank Interest	241.79	
Balance Dec. 31, 1975		\$ 3,998.28

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Bridges Account

Jan. 1, 1975 Balance		\$ 8,932.52
State of New Hampshire	6,962.20	
Bank Interest	207.67	
Balance Dec. 31, 1975		\$ 2,177.99

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Dry Hydrants

New Account opened Dec. 31, 1975		\$ 1,351.50
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1975 Taxable Wages and Remunerations subject to Social Security. This does not include contracting, Town Fire Warden, work of an emergency nature or Election Officials who receive less than \$50.00 in any one quarter.

	Gross Wages	S. S.	W. H.	Net Wages
Bridgeo, Cecil	\$ 9.00	\$.53		\$ 8.47
Dearden, Robert	132.00	7.72		124.28
Dearden, Frank	2,936.00	172.76		2,478.24
Fogg, Katharine C.	35.00	2.63		32.37
Gross, Rita D.	962.50	56.30	135.00	771.20
Hansen, Roderick	1,668.00	97.59		1,570.41
Holmes, Frank	148.05	13.29		134.76
Howes, Joseph P.	14.00	.82		13.18
Leslie, Ronald	133.25	7.80	2.40	123.05
MacWilliams, Elon	391.50	22.90	1.90	366.70
McGuire, Patrick	239.46	14.02		225.44
Moulton, Edward	6.00	.35		5.65
Newcomb, Harry	752.00	43.99		708.01
Newcomb, Veronica	1,482.23	53.52		1,395.52
Newcomb, William	915.00	53.52		861.48
Pellerin, Janet	35.00	2.63		32.37
Pellerin, Jules	500.00	29.25		470.75
Perry, Allen	2,732.10	159.83	301.90	2,270.37
Shackett, David	500.00	29.25		470.75
Sherman, Arnold	1,562.00	91.38	250.10	1,220.52
Shull, Joseph	270.90	15.48		255.42
Truell, Ivan	27.00	1.58	2.40	23.02
	<hr/> \$15,450.99	\$ 910.33	\$ 978.70	\$13,561.96

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Description	Value
Town Hall, Lands and Buildings	\$ 24,000.00
Furniture and Equipment	2,300.00
Libraries, Lands and Buildings	2,700.00
Furniture and Equipment	500.00
Police Department, Equipment	2,500.00
Fire Department, Equipment	350.00
Highway Department, Lands and Buildings	7,500.00
Equipment	12,000.00
Materials and Supplies	500.00
Schools, Lands and Buildings	8,500.00
Equipment	1,000.00
All Lands and Buildings acquired through Tax Collector's Deeds:	
Champney Lot	1,500.00
Benoit Lot	500.00
Cronin Lot	3,500.00
Total	\$ 67,350.00

RECEIPTS**Current Revenue:****From Local Taxes:** (Collected and remitted to Treasurer)

Property Taxes—Current Year—1975	\$ 88,621.14
Resident Taxes—Current Year—1975	1,720.00
Yield Taxes—Current Year—1975	3,013.95
Total Current Year's Taxes	
Collected and Remitted	93,355.09
Property Taxes and Yield Taxes—	
Previous Years	20,052.42
Resident Taxes—Previous Years	430.00
Advertising Cost	4.80
Interest received on Delinquent Taxes	933.75
Penalties: Resident Taxes	65.00
Tax sales redeemed	701.09

From State:

For Highways and Bridges:	6,962.20
For Town Road Aid	2,613.95
For Class V Highway maintenance	4,748.61
Highway Subsidy	7,119.80
Interest and dividends tax	1,761.05
Road Reserve Account	5,898.15
Savings Bank Tax	186.76
Fighting forest fires	166.16
Meals and Rooms Tax	1,934.68
Reimbursements a-c Business Profits Tax	4,277.04

From Local Sources, Except Taxes:

Dog Licenses	252.50
Business licenses, permits and filing fees	16.00
Fire Bill	7.96
Rent of town property	100.00
Income from trust funds	348.00
Sale of Town Cruiser	125.00
Sale of check list	5.00
Motor vehicle permits (1974-\$ 36.76)	
(1975-\$5,163.67)	5,200.43

Total Current Revenue Receipts	\$157,265.44
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CLASSIFICATION

Payments for the Year Ended December 31, 1975

PAYMENTS

Current Maintenance Expenses:

General Government:

Town officers' salaries	\$ 4,239.73
Town officers' expenses	629.02
Election and registration expenses	1,321.93
Expenses town hall and other town buildings	1,498.45

Protection of Persons and Property:

Police department	4,669.23
Fire department, including forest fires	2,934.43
Planning and Zoning	97.22
Damage by dogs	49.01
Insurance	1,871.00
Dry Hydrant	1,500.00

Health:

Health department, including hospitals & ambulance	1,991.04
Town dumps and garbage removal	841.36

Highways and Bridges:

Highway Subsidy	5,287.05
Town Road Aid	4,104.61
Town Maintenance—	
Summer	\$3,872.91
Winter	6,892.84
Street lighting	1,047.01
General Expenses of Highway Dept.	5,329.24

Croydon, N. H.

UNIFORM

Receipts and

RECEIPTS

Receipts Other than Current Revenue:

Insurance adjustments	25.00
Refunds—Gas tax	340.98
Croydon School District (Purchase of gasoline)	445.75
Town Treasurer (Check void)	8.53
Proceeds of Loans in Anticipation of Bond Issues	30,000.00
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Total Receipts Other than Current Revenue	\$ 30,820.26
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Total Receipts from All Sources	\$188,085.70
Cash on hand January 1, 1975	27,572.73
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Grand Total	\$215,658.43

CLASSIFICATION

Payments for the Year Ended December 31, 1975

PAYMENTS

Libraries: 900.00

Public Welfare:

Old age assistance 3,107.86

Town poor 414.40

Patriotic Purposes:

Memorial Day 537.64

Public Service Enterprises:

Cemeteries, including hearse hire 746.60

Unclassified:

Cutting Brush 568.50

Damages and legal expenses 2,193.15

Advertising and Regional Associations 406.67

Taxes bought by town 4,163.86

Discounts, Abatements and refunds 114.49

Employees' Retirement and

Social Security 939.06

Total Current Maintenance Expenses \$ 62,268.31

Debt Service:

Interest on Debt:

Paid on long term notes 855.89

Total Interest Payments \$ 855.89

Principal on Debt:

Payments on Tax Anticipation Notes 30,000.00

Total Principal Payments \$ 30,000.00

PAYMENTS

Capital Outlay:

Highways and Bridges—

State Aid construction	6,962.20
Duncan Class V	8,205.85
Payments to capital reserve funds	4,000.00

Total Outlay Payments	<u> </u>	\$ 19,168.05
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Payments to Other Governmental Divisions:

Payments to State a-c 2% Bond &

Debt Retirement Taxes	2,053.48
Taxes paid to County	13,697.21

Payments to School Districts

(1974 Tax \$42,839.10)	
(1975 Tax \$27,000.00)	69,839.10

Total Payments to Other Governmental Divisions	<u> </u>	\$ 85,589.79
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Total Payments for all Purposes	\$197,882.04
Cash on hand December 31, 1975	17,776.39

Grand Total	<u> </u>	\$215,658.43
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DETAILED STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS

Town Officers' Salaries

Willis H. Ballou, Sr.	\$ 30.00
Janet S. Pellerin	35.00
Katharine C. Fogg	35.00
Jules H. Pellerin	500.00
Rita D. Gross	962.50
Harry P. Newcomb	650.00
Veronica C. Newcomb	1,482.23
Ballot Clerks	45.00
David Shackett	500.00
Total	<hr/> \$ 4,239.73

Town Officers' Expenses

First National Bank	\$ 9.54
Zella Eastman LaForge	11.10
N. H. Town Clerk's Association	20.00
N. H. Assoc. of Assessing Officials	10.00
N. H. Municipal Association	6.00
Argus-Champion	20.92
N. H. Tax Collector's Association	10.00
Barrett Press	45.30
Brown & Saltmarsh	91.07
Homestead Press & Bookshop	37.32
Branham Publishing Co.	11.40
Veronica C. Newcomb	60.00
David Shackett	1.29
William Walsh	26.00
Rita D. Gross	169.36
N. H. Assoc. of Conservation Comm.	20.00
Harry P. Newcomb	102.84
Marie A. Newcomb	16.35
Janet S. Pellerin	10.00
Bi-Rite	1.32
Jules H. Pellerin	2.76
Newport Business Equipment	16.50
Dept. of Revenue Adm.	7.70
Total	<hr/> \$ 707.77

Election and Registration

Barrett Press	\$ 980.85
Argus-Champion	41.08
Joseph Howes	15.00
Supervisors of Checklist	210.00
Ballot Clerks	45.00
Moderator	30.00
Total	<hr/> \$ 1,321.93

Town Hall and Other Town Buildings

Rene Venne	\$ 52.00
R. N. Johnson	3.15
Frank Dearden	10.31
David Shackett	50.00
Goodrich Oil Co.	65.64
Public Service Co.	132.34
Utilgas Inc.	23.08
Martin Hardware	5.40
George Gross	96.00
Harry Newcomb	53.58
Stuart Sandreuter	5.00
Joseph Howes	12.00
Bi-Rite	124.97
Cecil Dodge	46.39
Arthur Leavitt & Son	818.59
Total	<hr/> \$ 1,498.45

Police Department

Joseph Howes	\$ 2.00
Roderick Hansen	1,715.25
Ronald Leslie	106.25
A. A. Auto Parts	267.11
C. R. Service Center	296.88
David Chartier	65.00
State Treasurer	6.50
Blood's Used Cars	600.00
General Electric Co.	<hr/> 1,228.00

The Advisor	12.60
Dan's Tire Service	103.94
R. P. S. Extinguisher Service	4.50
Frank Holmes	100.80
Everett's Sunoco	69.70
Wright Communications	17.50
Argus-Champion	7.75
McCreary's Uniforms	65.45
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Total	\$ 4,669.23

Town Dump

Harry Newcomb	\$ 25.00
Frank Dearden	98.00
John Harold, Jr.	208.00
Patrick McGuire	239.46
Joseph Shull	270.90
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Total	\$ 841.36

General Expense of the Highway Department

Newport Sand & Gravel	\$ 4.00
Interstate Tire Co.	54.45
Kibbey Equipment Co.	716.19
Vaine's Garage	90.12
Agway	2,664.02
G. K. Stetson	170.45
Gulf Oil Co.	169.64
George Smith	400.00
R. N. Johnson	92.71
Goodrich Oil Co.	167.08
Gateway Motors	84.70
A. A. Auto Parts	4.15
Harry Newcomb	2.00
Frank Dearden	73.14
Kelly Shell Station	75.00
State Treasurer	22.00
Cutter's Garage	10.38
Merriam Graves Corp.	29.35
Coniston Store	56.20

Wilson Tire	397.64
Dulacs Hardware	46.02
Total	<hr/> \$ 5,329.24

Duncan Fund

James Lake (culvert)	\$ 500.00
Frank Dearden	5,033.25
Donald Berquist	60.00
George Alexander	10.00
William Newcomb	300.00
Armco Steel	498.05
United Construction	981.05
Newport Sand & Gravel	384.00
Allen Perry	325.50
Elan MacWilliams	114.00
Total	<hr/> \$ 8,205.85
Received from State	\$ 4,748.61
Received from Road Fund	3,457.24
Total	<hr/> \$ 8,205.85

Brush Cutting

George Gross	\$ 40.50
Frank Dearden	153.00
Robert Benoit	18.00
Ross Lurvey	12.00
Allen Perry	345.00
Total	<hr/> \$ 568.50

Fire Including Forest Fire

Newport Fire Dept.	\$ 1,322.74
Grantham Fire Dept.	1,394.10
Harry Newcomb (Warden & Deputy Wardens)	132.15
State Treasurer (Fire Tools)	85.44
Total	<hr/> \$ 2,934.43

Tabular Statement of Trust Funds Income and Expenditures Dec. 31, 1975

Date of Creation	Name of Fund and Purpose	Balance Beginning Year	Balance End Year	Balance Beginning Year	Income During Year	Expended During Year	Balance End Year
1804	School Fund, Schools	\$ 1,652.15	\$ 1,727.53	\$1,652.15	\$ 75.38	\$ 137.89	1,589.64
1903	Asa Davis, Davis Cemetery	150.00	150.00	20.07	8.22	8.50	19.79
1911	Gilman Whipple, Burial lot	200.00	200.00	30.11	11.59	3.00	38.70
1913	Hannah Stevens, Burial lot	50.00	50.00	6.69	2.83	3.00	6.52
1917	Kate Clark, Burial lots	50.00	50.00	6.69	2.83	3.00	6.52
1920	Baldwin Humphrey, Burial lot	100.00	100.00	13.38	5.65	3.00	16.03
1924	Harriet Cooper, Burial lot	100.00	100.00	13.38	5.65	3.00	16.03
1928	Almon Coon, Burial lot	100.00	100.00	13.38	5.65	3.00	16.03
1928	Albert Parlin, Flat Church	10,000.00	10,000.00	—	655.29	655.29	—
1930	Hilliard Sanborn, Burial lots	500.00	500.00	66.91	28.26	3.00	92.17
1941	Louisa Bailey, Burial lots	75.00	75.00	10.03	4.24	3.00	11.27
1950	Albert Barton, Burial lot	200.00	200.00	30.11	11.59	3.00	38.70
1951	John A. Barton, Burial lot	100.00	100.00	13.38	5.65	3.00	16.03
1951	Clinton Barton, E. Village Church	2,000.00	2,000.00	—	131.07	131.07	—
1951	DeWitt Barton, Burial lots	200.00	200.00	30.11	11.59	3.00	38.70
1951	Town of Croydon, Capital Res.	16,894.40	22,736.91	—	—	—	—
1968	Orrin Pillsbury, Croydon F. Cem.	5,000.00	5,000.00	233.79	239.74	306.00	167.53
1969	Walter Nelson, Burial lots	100.00	100.00	13.38	5.65	3.00	16.03
1969	Town of Croydon,						
	Tri-Centennial Fund	135.16	142.57	—	—	—	—
1971	Capital Reserve Fund, Solid			—	—	—	—
	Waste Disposal	14,866.00	20,607.09	—	—	—	—
1971	Croydon Cem. Fund, Cem. Care	700.00	825.00	87.37	44.66	35.00	97.03
1973	Louis A. Holbriiter, Burial lots	500.00	500.00	66.91	37.77	12.48	92.20
New Funds Created	\$10,125.00		\$65,464.10	\$2,307.94	\$1,293.31	\$1,322.23	2,278.92
Capital Gains Dividends	\$1,666.39	\$53,672.71					

This is to certify that the information contained in this report is complete and correct, to the best of our knowledge and belief.

February 16, 1976

PATRICIA A. SAWYER
MARIE A. NEWCOMB
DIANE P. LURVEY

Trustees

**TRUSTEES' REPORT
OF THE
CROYDON TOWN LIBRARY**

Receipts

Balance	December 31, 1974	\$ 93.19
February	N. H. Commission on the Arts	250.00
May	Town of Croydon	900.00
July	Good Neighbor Club	50.00
August	Book Sale	10.10
December	Dividends for year (Sugar River Savings Bank)	18.40
		\$ 1,321.69

Payments

January	Gas	\$ 4.40
	Yankee, Inc., 1 yr. sub.	6.00
February	Gas	3.36
	Eleanor Hunt, Jan. salary 15 hrs.	31.50
	Books	5.75
	Eleanor Hunt, Petty cash, Tel. Etc.	7.98
	N. H. State Library (3 lost books)	12.98
March	Gas	4.56
	Books	16.36
	N. H. Library Trustees' dues	9.00
April	Books	16.64
	Donna Leslie, Petty cash, Stamps	4.45
	Audubon Society of N. H.	3.00
	Addison-Wesley Pub., Book markers	.50
May	Books	2.10
	Murphy, 50 cert.	4.00
	Books (Children's)	64.60
	Utilgas Flame, Inc., Glass	6.33

June	The Arts Exchange	60.00
	Books	6.20
July	Books (Children's)	47.95
	Books	7.77
August	Rowell Bros.	5.14
	Jules Pellerin, Fire Ext.	13.39
	National Geo. Soc.	
	1 yr. sub. World	4.85
	The Arts Exchange	150.00
	Stamps	2.00
September	N. H. Commission on the Arts	65.00
	Book	5.73
	Josten's (book mending material)	9.60
October	Books (Children's)	24.07
	Books	11.28
	N. H. State Library (lost book)	4.95
November	Gas	16.94
	National Geo. Soc., 1 yr. sub.	8.50
	Donna Leslie, Feb.-Dec. salary	350.00
	Books (Children's)	73.30
	Book	4.66
December	Gas	20.24
	Books (Children's)	72.97
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		\$ 1,184.94
Cash on hand		.33
Sugar River Savings Bank		31.38
Citizens National Bank		105.04
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		\$ 1,321.69

DOROTHY E. BALLOU, Treas.

MARGARET WEBER

PEARL McINTOSH

CROYDON TOWN LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

January 16, 1976

The Croydon Town Library enjoyed another year of growth during 1975.

Since the children in the lower grades are our chief supporters, the children's corner has been greatly expanded. Child-size furniture and many "easy readers" have been added. This has increased our juvenile circulation; while the State Book Mobile supplies most of our pre-teen books, and many adult fiction and non-fiction.

Some "weeding" of the shelves was done by the library aides with a book sale resulting.

Our Croydon residents remain very generous. The Wm. Greeleys donated numerous classical and popular records. Many hardcover and paperback books, magazines and pamphlets were also donated.

Summer brought with it a craft program, story hour and movies from the State Library. During the school year movies are received bi-weekly as a library program.

Thanks to a grant from the N. H. Commission on the Arts and the National Endowment for the Arts entertainment was procured for the children from the Arts Exchange in Hanover monthly throughout the summer.

World, a new children's magazine from National Geographic, has been added to our other subscriptions: Newsweek, Profiles, National Geographic, Changing Times, Yankee and Organic Gardens.

There were 316 new books purchased; a few new shelves added.

Actual circulation figures for 1975 were: Juvenile, 2,590; adult, 843; magazines, 164; records, 31.

Library hours remain Thursday 2-5 p.m. and 7-8 p.m. During the summer additional Friday hours are added and during the winter lack of patronage causes the winter evening hours to be dropped. With the coming of Spring, National Library Week begins our evening hours again in April along with an open house. Come see us.

Respectfully,

DONNA LESLIE, Librarian

REPORT OF TOWN AUDIT

Town of Croydon, N. H.

Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 1975

Revenue Sharing Fund

Statement of Revenue, Expenditures, Encumbrances and
Fund Balance

Available Funds, January 1, 1975 \$ 3,969.19

Add Revenue:

Entitlement Payments	\$ 8,915.00	
Interest	248.44	
	<hr/>	9,163.44

Total Available Funds	<hr/>	\$ 13,132.63
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Less Expenditures:

Capital Reserve for New Equipment		9,969.19
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Capital Expenditures:

Multipurpose and General		
Government	\$ 3,000.00	
Health	3,000.00	
Economic Development	3,969.19	

Total Capital Expenditures	<hr/>	\$ 9,969.19
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Available Cash—December 31, 1975	<hr/>	\$ 3,163.44
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Less: Encumbrances (Appropriations Authorized)

December 31, 1975

Economic Development	\$ 3,163.44	
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Total Capital Encumbrances	<hr/>	\$ 3,163.44
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REPORT TO TOWNS

Upon the recommendation of town selectmen and city councils, the Division of Forests and Lands appoints a forest fire warden and several deputy forest fire wardens in each town and city every three years. The town or city warden is responsible for maintaining a force of men and adequate equipment to suppress any wildfire that occurs in his town or city during his term of appointment. The fire warden must authorize all open burning when the ground is not covered with snow. No open fires can be authorized between 9 a. m. and 5 p. m., unless it is raining, without the additional permission of the state district fire chief.

Any person wishing to kindle an open fire when the ground is not covered with snow must first obtain the written permission of the forest fire warden. Camp and cooking fires also require the warden's permission.

The Division of Forests and Lands, through its Forest Fire Service, assists all cities and towns in meeting these requirements by training the warden and deputy forces in wildfire suppression tactics, making hand tool suppression equipment available at fifty percent of cost, supplying pieces of Federal excess property for use as fire attack vehicles and sharing up to fifty percent of the cost of wildfire suppression costs.

Wildfire prevention is also a joint state, city or town program. Smokey Bear is available from the Forest Fire Service for local fire prevention programs. Posters and Junior Ranger kits are available for distribution by local fire departments upon request to the Forest Fire Service. Each forest fire warden is expected to carry on a continuous wildfire prevention program within his town or city.

1975 Forest Fire Statistics

	No. of Fires	No. of Acres
State	718	800
District	62	91.1
Town	5	1.3
GERALD S. GROSS		HARRY P. NEWCOMB
District Fire Chief		Forest Fire Warden

ACTIVITIES REPORT OF THE CROYDON POLICE DEPARTMENT

Again this year the Croydon Police Department is glad to announce that there was a reduction in break-ins and burglaries. We can attribute this to the many hours the men on the police force have put in patrolling all the roads in the town, making property checks on year round residents and summer camps.

We received our new portable radio this year, which is a great help to the officers who have to leave the cruiser to answer complaints. This radio keeps them in touch with our regional dispatch and State Police headquarters at all times.

The members of the Croydon Police Department would like to thank the many people who take interest in our Police Department and call us when they see any suspicious activities or persons in town and for any reason they feel necessary. We would rather be called at any time to a false alarm than not be called at all.

We also want to express our many thanks to the Newport Police Department and the New Hampshire State Police for their assistance in the field of law enforcement.

We are here to help and serve you.

RODERICK HANSEN, Chief	863-2004
FRANK HOLMES, Special Officer	863-2928
AREA DISPATCH	863-3232

Activities

Break-Ins	4
Burglaries	2
Motor Vehicle Accidents	8
Missing Persons	2
Emergency Phone Calls Delivered	5
Prowler Complaints	3
Criminal Mischief	10
Assault	3

Noise Complaints	6
Traffic at Fires	4
Snow Machine Complaints	5
Dog Complaints	8
Hit and Run	2
Stranded Motorist Assisted	6

Arising from these were the following actions:

Arrests	10
Summons	47
Warnings	58
Defective Equipment Tags	85

Arrests and summons are for the following:

Speeding	26
Unregistered Vehicle	1
Littering	1
Defective Equipment	5
Misconduct with M/V	1
Stop Sign Violation	1
D. W. I.	4
Uninspected M/V	5
Operating W/O License	3
Unauthorized Taking of a M/V	1
Possession of Stolen Property	1
Conduct After Accident	1
Solid Line Violation	1
Reckless Operation	2
Hit and Run	1
Assault	3

Stolen property recovered in Croydon and returned to Owners:

2 Motor Vehicles	Stolen in Newport, N. H.
1 Bicycle	Stolen in Croydon, N. H.

TOWN WARRANT

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Croydon, in the County of Sullivan, in said State, qualified to vote for Senators.

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in Croydon on Tuesday, the 16th day of September next at one o'clock in the afternoon. (Polls not to close earlier than six o'clock in the afternoon) to act upon the following subjects:

Art. 1. To bring in your votes for United States Senator from New Hampshire.

Art. 2. To bring in your votes on the following question: "To see if the Town agrees to participate in the National Flood Insurance Program by directing the Board of Selectmen to complete the eligibility application and submit the required information to the Federal Insurance Administration."

Art. 3. To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Given under our hands and seals at Croydon this 29th day of August, 1975.

HARRY NEWCOMB
JULES H. PELLERIN
DAVID A. SHACKETT
Selectmen of Croydon

SPECIAL SENATORIAL ELECTION

Tuesday, September 16, 1975

The Meeting was called to order by Moderator Willis H. Ballou, Sr., who read the Warrant. Motion was made to open under Articles 1 and 2 and voting continued until 6:00 P. M. when the Moderator declared the polls closed. The following results were counted, recorded and read in open meeting:

238 Names on the Checklist.

151 Ballots cast of which 10 were Absentee Ballots,
141 were regular ballots.

Louis C. Wyman, R, had 59 votes.

John A. Durkin, D, had 83 votes.

Carmen C. Chimento, A, had 8 votes.

1 Blank ballot.

Article 2. Question ballot:

Yes Vote	94
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No Vote	44
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Having read the results in open meeting, the Moderator declared the meeting adjourned. The ballots were sealed by the Moderator, signed by the Selectmen and turned over to the Town Clerk. About two hours later the ballots were picked up by the State Police and taken to Concord.

A true record of Warrant and Meeting.

Attest:

RITA D. GROSS

Town Clerk

DIRECTORS' REPORT OF THE UPPER VALLEY-LAKE SUNAPEE COUNCIL

The Council operates on an annual budget of about \$100,000. It is under the direction of a 47 member board of directors composed of two directors from each of its 31 member communities (plus 3 directors-at-large). Since these directors are appointed by the member communities—the Selectmen or City Councilors—and set the policies and programs to be administered by the staff, there is complete local control of the Council's activities.

Yet, the membership dues from local communities (Croydon's share for the coming year, figured on a per capita basis will be just \$215.00) account for only 30 percent of the Council's total revenue. The remainder, 70 percent, comes from various state and federal sources. In other words, these added sources of revenue have increased the Council's income and thus its ability to serve its members at a two-to-one ratio of service to local dollars spent.

Many programs have been undertaken with that money. There are large-scale regional studies which benefit residents of all member towns. Last year, a major emphasis was on solid waste, to help towns meet the state-mandated deadline for closing dumps. This year, there have been studies on area transportation needs and on housing and land use needs, which will help towns qualify for various federal-aid programs. There are many smaller studies, of interest to groups of towns, and many seminars and workshops to help municipal officials meet the ever-more-complex state and federal regulations.

In addition, staff assistance is available to most communities via a popular technical services program with help given in such diverse areas as subdivision regulations, land use maps, down-town improvement studies, new zoning ordinances, planning for new municipal facilities and the many technical and graphic needs inherent in these programs, services small communities cannot afford. Croydon is indeed fortunate to be a member of the Upper Valley-Lake Sunapee Council.

Respectfully submitted by
DAVID SHACKETT
WILLIS BALLOU, JR.
Directors, UV-LSC

REPORT OF CROYDON'S BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE

This Committee was formed in July 1975, with its mission to formalize a program to celebrate the 200th birthday of our country, and to present this program to the Selectmen for their approval in September of 1975.

The members included Charles D. Kuhn, Sr., Chairman, Rita Gross, Jean Greeley, Veronica Newcomb, Cecil Dodge, Paul Doiron, Frank Holmes, Michelle Pellerin and Nancy Brown.

Highlights of the Program include an Essay Contest, painting of Murals for the Town Hall. and a Tom Thumb parade; all for the children. It also includes a Heritage Display and Demonstration, Cleanup of our Cemeteries, Black Powder Demonstration, Dinner Dance, Town Wide Church Services and Family Picnic.

For our project as a Lasting Reminder, we plan the development of 1.4 acres of land behind the Town Hall, Church and School into a picnic and recreational area. We have contributions totaling \$1,268.58 for which we thank our Friends and Townspeople, also those who helped cut trees and brush last fall.

A second project we have undertaken is the reprinting of the 'Sketch of Croydon' published in 1852 by John Cooper. This little booklet is our earliest Town History and very few copies exist.

The program is designed to permit everyone to participate in this unique celebration in some form or manner.

Through the quality and diversity of this program, the National Revolutionary Bicentennial Committee awarded Croydon the Bicentennial Flag and Certificate which was presented to the Town on December 14, 1975, by Representative James Cleveland.

As this type of celebration comes only once in a lifetime and gives everybody an opportunity to honor our Heritage, celebrate our present in Festival and to perpetuate our

future on the Horizon, we encourage all to take part as much as possible.

There will be many opportunities to provide manual help in our Cemetery Cleanup and Park Development Programs. This is your CROYDON, and your U. S. A. Let's all help to make it a big celebration and let future generations know we have passed by here.

Times and places for the happening will appear in the paper and in as many ways as we can find possible.

THE WHITE HOUSE

Washington

December 22, 1975

We now mark the beginning of our Third Century as an Independent Nation as well as the 200th Anniversary of the American Revolution. For two centuries our Nation has grown, changed and flourished. A diverse people, drawn from all corners of the earth, have joined together to fulfill the promise of democracy.

America's Bicentennial is rich in history and in the promise and potential of the years that lie ahead. It is about the events of our past, our achievements, our traditions, our diversity, our freedoms, our form of government and our continuing commitment to a better life for all Americans. The Bicentennial offers each of us the opportunity to join with our fellow citizens in honoring the past and preparing for the future in communities across the Nation. Thus, in joining together as races, nationalities, and individuals, we also retain and strengthen our traditions, background and personal freedom.

As we lay the cornerstone of America's Third Century, the very special part played by the American Revolution Bicentennial Essay Contest of Croydon, New Hampshire is most commendable.

GERALD R. FORD

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

Concord 03301

December 15, 1975

Mrs. Gerald S. Gross

R. F. D. 1

Newport, New Hampshire 03773

Dear Mrs. Gross,

Thank you for your very kind invitation to attend the designation of Croydon as a Bicentennial Community on Sunday, December 14, at 2:30 P. M. I am sorry that I will not be able to attend due to a prior commitment.

Our Nation has strayed from many of its founding principles. The Bicentennial celebration offers a modern opportunity to rekindle the heritage that is ours.

I look upon the Bicentennial celebration as an opportunity for all of us to become familiar with the landmark, the ancient landmark that the founding fathers have set for us.

Citing a phrase from Proverbs, "remove not the ancient landmarks which thy fathers have set". Our founding fathers believed in God. They found strength in reading the Bible and in praying to God.

It would not occur to the founding fathers that we would find ways to stray from the ancient landmark—the teachings of God— and from the teachings of those who devised the form for the greatest democracy the world has ever seen.

From those basic foundations, we have allowed ourselves to stray. Can you imagine any of the 82,000 who constituted the population of New Hampshire in 1776 driving their oxen and wagon beyond the little school in their town to the school in some distant town because someone in Philadelphia, and later in New York, and finally in Washington told them they could not keep their children at home in their own school. Can you imagine some of those founding fathers ruling that the readings of the Bible and prayers

of God must stay outside of the classroom, a classroom that they were supporting with their tax dollars? I suggest to you that in this Bicentennial celebration that will go on for several years here in New Hampshire, we find a golden opportunity to rekindle the heritage that is ours and to make that great heritage of our founding fathers come alive in the hearts of our children.

If we do that, then this Bicentennial will surely be worthwhile and we can move with confidence and success into the next 100 years of America's life.

Sincerely,
MELDRIM THOMSON, JR.

YESTERDAY

An Old Man's Recollections and Predictions

Croydon, April, 1877

John Cooper

Having passed my "three-score years and ten," I often indulge in the propensity of an old man, and look back over the changes which have taken place since my remembrance, in the face of the country, and in the manners and habits of the people. I also frequently think of the discoveries and improvements which have been made during the sixty years; and I wonder if the next sixty years will witness an equal advance. Some of these my cogitations I will just put on paper, without much order in their arrangement.

I well remember when a large part of this town was covered with an original growth of timber. The glory of "Pine Hill" had been laid low; but it still contained many valuable pine trees. I have seen at the millyard in the East Village, more than 1000 logs at a time, of which probably one half was clear pine. And I remember that much of the clearings was covered with unsightly stumps and huge, decaying hemlock logs. I well remember, too, that in the lot where my father's orchard one stood, old stumps and logs were found in sufficient quantities to keep a large fire to warm the benumbed fingers of potato diggers.

In those days it was no uncommon sight to see fires raging in the woods during a drouth. In 1816, Pine Hill was

burned over by a furious conflagration which threatened the buildings of Mr. Peter Barton.

When I was a boy, clearing land was an important occupation of our farmers. A large part of June was usually spent felling trees; and, after haying, if the weather was favorable, might be seen, pillars of smoke, ascending from burning "slashes," as they were called. I have seen sometimes nearly a dozen of these fires at a time.

In those days, farmers raised nearly everything of the provision kind, which was consumed in the community around them. I was quite a boy before I saw a barrel of flour, or a bushel of southern or western corn. The farmers generally raised their own breadstuff and a supply for the mechanics around them. And they raised the flax and wool necessary to clothe not only their own families, but to sell to such of their neighbors as wanted them. The farmer also made butter and cheese, raised pigs and poultry for sale, to obtain a little money to defray current expenses, or to pay debts. In fact, the farmers of those days lived more within themselves, than the same class of people do at the present day; that is, they lived more on the actual products of their own farms.

The farmer was busy in those days. Not only must he clear land, raise crops, build wall, and do his ordinary farm-work in the summer, but in winter he must thresh out his grain with a flail, besides getting to his door some forty or fifty cords of wood; for I remember before the advent of cooking stoves. But this was not all. The month of March used to be devoted to getting out flax. All this he accomplished with the aid of a set of farming tools, which at present day, would belong to an old "Curiosity Shop." The manure-fork of those days was a hugh, three-timed, iron instrument, containing stock enough to shoe a horse. Mr. William Smith owns one of them. And the hayforks, hoes, axes, plows, and scythes were nearly as rude as the manure-forks. How our farmers could accomplish so much as they did, with such miserable tools—how they could clear their land, build their wall, pile up such hugh piles of stones—seems a marvel. But there were giants in those days!

If our farmers of sixty years ago had a laborious life,

their wives and daughters were not idle. I well remember what was done in my father's family. Besides the ordinary housework of a family, my mother and sisters manufactured nearly all the cloth used in our family. A full rig for male or female usually required a few gewgaws from the store; but the substantial part of dress was made at home. From early spring until late in the fall, my mother and sisters were engaged in carding and spinning tow, in spinning linen, and wool, and in weaving the yarn into cloth. It sometimes seems that I can hear, even now, the hum of those spinning wheels and the clatter of the handloom. Those wheels were the pianos to the music of which I listened in the days of my boyhood.

The cloth of domestic manufacture, if it lacked the polish of modern times, was thick and durable; and when it came from the hands of the "clothier," it made wearing apparel and bedding, fit for a king. Some of the bed blankets, made by my mother and sisters, in the long ago, are still in being, and, apparently nearly as good as new.

When families made their own cloth, they required the aid of the clothier. He was then an important member of the community. He received the cloth from the housewife's hand, and metamorphosed it into "Flannel," or "Pressed Cloth," for the female part of the family, or into "Fulled Cloth" for the men and boys.

Other mechanics were also plenty. We had two or more blacksmiths, and shoemakers, and coopers, and millers; and we had quite a number of saw mills and carding their own leather and thread; and the customer of the machines. Our shoemakers required their customers to find blacksmith was obliged to furnish his own iron and steel. In early times boots and shoes were sewed exclusively, pegged work being then unknown. No boots and shoes were then brought into town, except "Morocco Shoes" for the ladies.

Our gristmills—of which we had two—ground a large amount of provender for fattening hogs and preparing store pigs for market. I well remember the droves of the latter, which, in the days of my boyhood, were collected and driven

to market. One of the principal items of income of some farms, was their crop of shoats.

Our stores kept the goods, usually found in country stores of the present day, minus the numerous boxes of boots and shoes, and the piles of cloths, under which the shelves and counters of our modern stores usually groan. But the stores of those days commonly kept the ardent.

And I well remember, too, when the principal Village in Newport was comparatively small. It contained no churches or other public buildings; but its most imposing edifice was the old "Tontine."

The fashions of that day, with respects to dress, I have already partially alluded to. While about their ordinary business, farmers and mechanics were usually clothed in homespun. And, with some exceptions, this was the case when they put on their best; that is, so far as men and boys were concerned. Hats, neckties, and pocket handkerchiefs usually came from the store; but the other clothing was of domestic manufacture. I was nearly thirty years old before I ever wore a garment of foreign manufacture. Broad-cloth, in those days, was reserved for merchants, professional men, and dandies.

The ladies' every day dress in Summer was usually tow and linen; or it was linsy-woolsey, of domestic manufacture; and, for Sundays, it was made of light stuff, from the store. Their ordinary winter dress was woolen flannel, prepared at the clothiers. Their Sunday's winter rig consisted usually of pressed cloth, dyed some fanciful color, and artistically cut and made. Their gloves, shoes, and shawls came from the store; and their head-gear from the milliner.

Having spoken of the cloth in fashion when I was a boy, I will pay a word or two about the cut and shape of some of the ladies' and gentlemen's dresses. As it is a very fruitful theme, it is not to be expected that I shall do more than to notice one or two of the fashions formerly in vogue. In the time of Addison some of the ladies in London wore head-dresses of wire and lace, three feet high! In my long and somewhat varied observation I have not seen anything in dress quite so ridiculous as that; but I will tell

you what I have seen. I remember it was the fashion for ladies to wear dresses which were "scanty in length, and tight to boot." This was particularly the case when they wore crepe dresses which clung to the person, as a stocking does to the leg. At the same time they wore bonnets of such ample proportions, and which came so far forward of the face that, as some one observed, the eyes of the wearer shone like those of a cat in a dark garret. Such an outfit would contrast oddly with a rig of modern date, when the ladies dressed in tents, and wore bonnets so diminutive, as sometimes to lose them from their heads without knowing it. I well remember when six yards were amply sufficient for a lady's dress. About the time that the ladies wore crepe dresses, the beaux donned "stock-innette" pantaloons. These indispensables, as their name implies, were made of knit cloth, and clung to the limbs like stockings. A dandy with spindle shanks rarely wore them without wearing one or more pairs of pants underneath. It would be an amusing spectacle, had we before us, a sample of each of the different coiffures, worn by the ton—men and women since my remembrance. Some of those which I saw in my boyhood would nearly match the frizzed heads of modern date.

I have already alluded to the clumsy implements of the farmer. Those of the mechanic were equally bungling. The pod-auger of the carpenter may serve as a sample of the rest. Only think of the vehicles of travel in this town fifty years ago. A pleasure wagon (if such it might be called) without steel springs, without through-braces, without any springs, except some stiff ash ones under the seat, consequently, with the body sitting plumply on the hind axle-tree, was the only wheel carriage in which I rode in my youth, except that I sometimes took a ride in the lumbering chaise-and-one. In fact, if we had a pleasure carriage in those days it was the chaise; but that was rarely seen. If people travelled, they generally rode horseback, or took the time honored stage-coach.

Many improvements have been made since my remembrance; and not the least has been in the mode of travel. Sixty years ago railroads, as thoroughfares of travel, were unknown. In 1832, I received a letter from a friend, giv-

ing an account of a ride on the Liverpool and Manchester Rail-road, at that time the only Rail-road for travel in the world. I well remember with what astonishment I read the following from his letter: "I remained at Liverpool six days; and from thence I went to Manchester by Rail-road, on which I flew at the rate of eight or ten miles an hour." The velocity of the steam car was past his comprehension.

Another improvement of the present day is the substitution of Ocean Steamers for sailing vessels. A voyage to Europe does not now occupy more than one third of the time which it did formerly.

Another improvement of the present day is the cheapness of our mails. I well remember when letters, carried by mail, cost 6, 12½, 18¾, or 25 cents each, according to the distance. And, in repeated instances, have I paid forty cents each for letters from California. And I can also remember when Croydon, Grantham, Springfield, and Sunapee contained no Post Office. Our nearest office was Newport. Our mail facilities have much improved during the last fifty years. Only think—I can remember when our newspapers were brought to us by Post-Riders.

Another great improvement in the diffusion of news is the Telegraph. When I was a boy, the most rapid transmission of information was horse-power. One of the curiosities of the Atlantic Telegraph is the fact that we can receive from Europe a telegraphic despatch of an event, at an earlier hour of the day, than it transpired in Europe! For instance: If, when a murder is committed in London at noon, if it should be immediately telegraphed to New York, the telegram would be received at the place a little after 8 o'clock, a. m.

Another improvement of the present day is the use of Chloroform, or of Ether in Surgery. When I was young, nothing was done to alleviate the sufferings of a patient while undergoing a painful operation in surgery.

Another improvement of the last fifty years—and one which seems to reach everybody—was the invention of Friction Matches. When I was a boy, how to keep fire over night, especially in summer, was a problem of difficult solution. Many a time have I been to the neighbors after fire. Flint, and steel, and tinder, and punk, and gun-powder were frequently called into requisition to produce fire. I

well remember what preparations were made in summer—a fire was built, and the coals of it carefully covered with ashes, before the people retired for the night. The invention of matches was a very important one. It is true that matches have caused many fires, either by carelessness or design. But, on the whole, only think what a convenience they are! and what a hubbub would immediately follow, should they fail up!

Another very convenient improvement is the art of vulcanizing India Rubber. Rubber is now used for so many purposes that we could hardly do without it. But, I lived before the age of Rubber boots, shoes, table-spreads, blankets, and the thousand and one purposes to which rubber is now applied.

Improvements of minor importance, it will be readily seen, have been made since my remembrance, when I tell you that I lived before the advent of carding machines, grain-cradles, thrashing-machines, and winnowing-mills. But, with all the improvements which I have named, and many more which I have no room to mention, we are losing some things during that time. Reaping with a sickle, thrashing with a flail, spinning on a "great wheel," spinning on a "little wheel," and weaving on a hand-loom, will soon be among the "lost arts."

While thinking of the discoveries and improvements which have been made since my remembrance, the questions naturally arise, will as many and as great improvements be made during the next sixty years, as have been made during the same length of time last past? And if so, what discoveries and improvements will be made?

In answer to the first question, I would say, in my opinion, discoveries and improvements will still go on. The ingenuity of the Yankee nation — to say nothing of the world — will not stop here. We are now only on the threshold of improvement.

And, in answer to the second question, we are left to conjecture. Some things may be discussed, which are plain and simple in themselves and of great utility, but of which we never dreamed. All such things, as a matter of course, must be passed over. But I will take up a few questions

on which some have built theories that need a little more elucidation before they become established facts.

Perhaps some inventive genius, will discover a method of navigating the air. Hitherto, ballooning has been a break-neck business, but a method may be discovered in which a voyage to Europe may be as practicable and safe as it is now to go by steamer.

Perhaps some daring Arctic explorer may discover "Symmes Hole," and the wonders which are supposed to be hid in the bowels of the earth. I remember when Capt. Symmes petitioned Congress for aid in fitting out an expedition to go in search of a passage into the earth. His theory was that the earth is hollow; the crust or shell being about 500 miles thick. The crust is open at the poles; and its concave surface is inhabited as well as its outside. How the interior is lighted, I have forgotten and it is probable by a small sun in the centre. Unfortunately it may be, Congress did not grant the petition, so that "Symmes Hole"; and the regions connected with it, are now supposed to be located in the vicinity of Utopia. Perhaps one may discover a method of causing rain by artificial means to fall upon the earth. I remember when Prof. Espye also petitioned Congress to grant him aid in causing rain. He said in his petition that by chemistry he could cause it to rain on any such district of country as he pleased. And he wanted an appropriation of money to purchase the chemicals to induce the rain to come. As Congress did not see fit to furnish him with the "rhino," rain now generally falls independently of the will of man.

Perhaps some one in the near future may discover Perpetual Motion or if not, he may invent it. Thousands have racked their brains to make the discovery, but hitherto without success. The resistance of the air and the force of gravity, have baffled all their attempts. But Perpetual Motion exists among the heavenly bodies, and why not on the earth?

When speaking of the improvements of the present day, I might have mentioned Geology; for it has been reduced to a science since my remembrance. But at present it is in its infancy; and its teachings are, consequently, uncertain. For we find that if, when investigating any

subject, it is necessary to base the premises on hypothesis, the conclusion is very apt to be erroneous. Some of the teachings of geology as explained by certain scientists will probably, in the light of the next fifty years, be much modified, if not exploded. For instance the "Darminian Theory of Evolution" will, if I mistake not, soon be treated as the hare-brained theory of men whom much learning hath made mad. The doctrine of "Evolution," as expounded by its defenders, is nearly as follows: The testimony of the rocks is, that in the vast ages of many thousands of years ago, animal life commenced in its lowest astages—in the Oyster, for instance—and that it gradually improved, from one state of being to another, until it finally culminated in man! If this be so, it must be flattering to one's pride to trace back his ancestors, and to realize that he himself is nothing but a Monkey which has sloughed off its caudel appendage.

The line of demarkation between the different species of animals is pretty well defined;—and we find no hybrids occupying the space between them. We are aware, indeed, that the bat is called the connecting link between quadrupeds and birds. But we are not told whether, in the progress of Evolution, the bat sheds his wings and becomes a mouse, or acquires feathers and becomes a bird. But will the bat ever become anything else than a bat? That is the question. Until the affirmative of the question is proved, it appears to me to be about as well for us to rest contented with the Mosaic account of the Creation, and not endeavor to be wise above what is written in the Scriptures.

I might continue these rambling remarks still further; but I forbear as I am apprehensive that I have already extended them ad nauseam.

ANNUAL REPORT

of the

Croydon School District

July 1, 1974

to

June 30, 1975

EXECUTIVE ORGANIZATION

CROYDON SCHOOL BOARD

Dorothy Ballou, Chairman	Term expires 1976
William Walsh	Term expires 1977
Agnes MacKenzie	Term expires 1978

SUPERVISORY UNION #43 OFFICERS

Richard Webb, Chairman	Sunapee
John Scranton, Vice-Chairman	Goshen-Lempster
Mary Emerson, Secretary	Kearsarge
Sally Eldredge, Treasurer	Newport

OFFICERS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Moderator	Willis Ballou, Jr.
Clerk	Willis Ballou, Sr.
Treasurer	Willis Ballou, Sr.
Auditor	Beatrice Smith

ADMINISTRATION

Superintendent of Schools	Gordon B. Flint
Assistant Superintendent of Schools	John H. Sokul
Teacher Consultant	Alphonse J. Soucy
Assistant for Business Affairs	Alan Phelan
Clerk	Ines Ferriter
School Nurse	June F. Buck

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE DISTRICT TREASURER

July 1, 1974 — June 30, 1975

Cash on Hand July 1, 1974 (Treasurer's Bank Balance)	\$ 3,223.77
Received from Selectmen (Current Appropriation)	\$ 71,839.10
Revenue from State Sources	1,208.32
Revenue from Federal Sources	53.40
Received from Incentive Aid— Newport School District	509.13
Received from All Other Sources	495.79
Total Receipts	74,105.74
Total Amount Available for Fiscal Year	\$ 77,329.51
Less School Board Orders Paid	72,940.86
Balance on hand June 30, 1975 (Treasurer's Bank Balance)	\$ 4,388.65
June 30, 1975	

WILLIS H. BALLOU, SR.
District Treasurer

AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that I have examined the books, vouchers, bank statements and other financial records of the treasurer of the School District of Croydon of which the above is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1975, and find them correct in all respects.

July 19, 1975

BEATRICE SMITH
Auditor

FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE CROYDON SCHOOL DISTRICT

REGULAR ACCOUNT

For the Year Ending June 30, 1975

RECEIPTS

Revenue from Local Sources

Received from Current Appro.	\$ 71,839.10	
Other Revenue from Local Sources	15.79	
	<hr/>	\$ 71,854.89

Revenue from State Sources

Sweepstakes	1,208.32	1,208.32
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Revenue from Federal Sources

Special Milk Program	53.40	53.40
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Amount Received from Other School Districts in State

Incentive Aid from Newport	509.13	
Tuition Refund—Newport	480.00	989.13

Total Receipts from All Sources	\$ 74,105.74
Cash on Hand at Beginning of Year, July 1, 1974	3,223.77

Grand Total Net Receipts	<hr/> \$ 77,329.51
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EXPENDITURES

Administration

Salaries of District Officers		\$ 405.00
Dorothy Ballou	\$ 75.00	
William Walsh	75.00	
Agnes MacKenzie	75.00	
Willis Ballou, Sr.	140.00	
Willis Ballou, Jr.	15.00	
Janet Pellerin	15.00	
Beatrice Smith	10.00	

Contracted Services	35.00
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Willis Ballou, Sr., Census	35.00
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Other Expenses		254.93
National Cash Register	31.62	
Argus-Champion	67.01	
Barrett Press	70.05	
New Hampshire School Boards	86.25	
Instruction		
Salaries of Teachers:		7,896.00
Rosemary Aldrich	7,776.00	
Donna Leslie—Substitute	120.00	
Salaries of Other Instructional Staff		2,262.00
Donna Leslie—Teacher Aide	2,262.00	
Textbooks		\$ 67.01
Modern Curriculum Press	34.20	
Harper & Row	3.59	
William C. Brown	5.00	
Encyclopedia Britannica Educational Corporation	14.90	
McGraw-Hill Book Company	9.32	
School Libraries and Audio Visual Materials		94.68
Sundance Paperback Distributors	30.43	
Scholastic Book Services	22.24	
Modern Curriculum Press	37.11	
Scott Foresman	4.90	
Teaching Supplies		821.58
Economy Company	111.51	
McGraw-Hill Book Company	26.18	
Modern Curriculum Press	18.30	
Educational Teaching Aids	31.07	
Houghton Mifflin	66.72	
LaPine Scientific	55.97	
Learning Resource Center	19.75	
Harcourt Brace Jovanovich	12.70	
New England School Supply	58.09	
Newport Business Equipment	4.95	
Donna Leslie	35.00	
Mainco School Supply	198.67	
Summer Weekly Reader	14.00	
Rosemary Aldrich	20.87	
Noble & Noble Publishers	5.56	

J. L. Hammett	12.90	
Instructor	9.00	
S & S Arts & Crafts	34.18	
Ruwe Pencil Company	3.54	
Alvah M. Squibb Company Inc.	2.07	
Xerox Education Publications	9.00	
Regional Center for Ed. Training	40.00	
C. C. M. Professional Magazine	16.00	
The How Company	15.55	
Other Expenses		105.00
Rosemary Aldrich	105.00	
Health Services		
Salary for Health Services		300.00
June F. Buck, School Nurse	300.00	
Other Expenses		292.50
June F. Buck	75.00	
Sullivan County Mental Health Clinic	217.50	
Pupil Transportation		
Salary for Pupil Transportation		2,700.00
Harry Newcomb	2,700.00	
Supplies—Gasoline		445.75
Town of Croydon	445.75	
Contracted Services—Ryder Truck Rental		3,687.40
Other Expenses		2.00
Family Doctor Associates	2.00	
Operation of Plant		
Salary for Operation of Plant		1,161.00
Stuart Sandreuter—Salary	1,161.00	
Supplies, except Utilities		17.59
Aubuchon	10.46	
Noros Electrical	7.13	
Heat for Buildings		561.74
Goodrich Oil Company	561.74	
Utilities		497.72
New England Telephone	164.58	
Public Service	333.14	

Maintenance of Plant

Repairs to Building		2,699.14
LaValley Building Supply	347.75	
Pioneer Business Machines	20.50	
Agnes McKenzie, Agent	1,800.00	
Robert Benoit	3.00	
Collins Electrical Service	32.70	
Stuart Sandreuter	13.75	
Aubuchon	26.75	
Newport Plumbing & Heating	410.01	
John A. Wirkkala	34.85	
Fuller Brush Company	9.83	

Fixed Charges

Teachers' Retirement System		89.39
F. I. C. A.		611.73
Insurance		491.95
Other Fixed Charges		100.00

School Lunch and Special Milk Program

Expenditures and Transfers of Monies		53.40
Federal Monies	53.40	

Capital Outlay

Equipment	37.40	37.40
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Outgoing Transfer Accounts

Tuition to Other School Districts	45,958.85	45,958.85
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Grade 12

Freak, Jeffrey	\$960.00
Lurvey, Amber	960.00
Pellerin, Jules	960.00
Smith, William	960.00

Grade 11

Curtis, Nancy	960.00
Newcomb, James	960.00
Pellerin, Michelle	960.00

Grade 10

Bressette, Ronald	960.00
Brown, Nancy	960.00
Curtis, Terry	960.00

McGuire, Tammy	767.52	(left 4/21/75)
McIntosh, Matthew	960.00	
Moulton, Dale	960.00	
Newcomb, Joseph	960.00	
Newcomb, Philip	960.00	
Partridge, Brenda	960.00	
Welch, Sherry	960.00	

Grade 9

Brown, Donna	960.00	
Fogg, Steven	960.00	
Freak, Valerie	960.00	
Gross, Carol	960.00	
Lewis, Rebecca	960.00	
McGuire, Darlene	960.00	
Moore, Edna	960.00	
Partlow, Randy	373.10	
		(entered 3/5/75)
Phillips, John	960.00	
Truell, Alan	960.00	
Whipple, Susan	960.00	

Grade 8

Durgin, Daniel	697.43	(left 3/3/75)
Freak, Saralyn	780.00	
MacIntyre, Rickie	780.00	
Moore, Mark	780.00	
Newcomb, Raymond	780.00	
Whipple, Claudia	780.00	

Grade 7

Dauphinais, Annette	780.00	
DeMayo, Lorrie	780.00	
Dugie, Christine	780.00	
MacIntyre, Ramona	780.00	
Pellerin, Christopher	780.00	
Truell, Keith	780.00	

Grade 6

Fowler, Kimberley	560.00	
Newcomb, Richard	560.00	
Pratt, Kevin	560.00	
Whipple, Patricia	560.00	

Grade 5

Aiken, Sandra	560.00	
Currier, Jeffrey	560.00	
DeMayo, Carla	560.00	
Durgin, Belinda	500.80	(left 3/3/75)
Macie, Norman	560.00	
MacIntyre, Tammy	560.00	
McQuire, Larry	560.00	
Whipple, Linda	560.00	

Grade 4

Ballou, Michelle	560.00
Bressette, Tina	560.00
Duguie, Barry	560.00
McDonough, Kismet	560.00
Partridge, Tammy	560.00
Vaine, Tammy	560.00

Special Education

Pratt, Karen	560.00	
District Share of Supervisory Union Expenses	\$	1,292.10
*Superintendent's Salary	261.61	
**Assistant Superintendent's Salary	181.51	
***Teacher Consultant's Salary	162.22	
Union Personnel and Expenses	686.76	

Total Net Expenditures for all Purposes	\$	72,940.86
Cash on Hand at End of Year, June 30, 1975		4,388.65

Grand Total Net Expenditures	\$	77,329.51
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*From State \$2,500.00—Newport: \$7,134.90—Sunapee: \$3,317.73 — Kearsarge: \$12,153.11 — Goshen-Lempster: \$915.65

**From State \$2,190.00—Newport: \$4,950.30—Sunapee: \$2,301.89 — Kearsarge: \$8,432.01 — Goshen-Lempster: \$635.29

***From State \$2,190.00—Newport: \$4,424.40—Sunapee: \$2,057.35 — Kearsarge: \$7,536.23 — Goshen-Lempster: \$567.80

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the Citizens of Croydon:

The present enrollment in Grades 1-3 is 20. About the same number is expected next year. Seven students in Grades 1-3 are attending school in Newport with the tuition charge paid by the parents.

Mrs. Rosemary Aldrich is again teaching the Village School and is assisted by Mrs. Donna Leslie as Teacher Aide.

MINIMUM STANDARDS

Since the funds to comply with Minimum Standards for Elementary Schools were eliminated at the 1975 Annual Meeting, no action has been taken this year. However, the 1976-77 budget, as recommended by the School Board, again includes funds to provide for services in Music, Library, and Physical Education.

The Report submitted last year by John G. Economopoulos, Assistant Education Division Chief, called for a commitment of dates when Minimum Standards would be met. Approval in at least one of the areas would be a start in the direction of compliance.

SCHOOL LUNCH

A "Type A" School Lunch Program became operative January 2, 1976 under the direction of Donna Leslie.

This action comes after months of legal confrontation between the School Board, State Department of Education, and the Office of the Attorney General. By delaying action, the entire cost of renovations and equipment for the Lunch Program totaling \$1,400 have been paid through federal sources whereas earlier Croydon was to be charged one-half the cost. In view of this, the following official action was taken by the State Board of Education on December 1, 1975:

"Voted: In the affirmative without dissent, to direct the Commissioner of Education to advise the Office of the Attorney General, to whom the matter was previously referred, of Croydon's apparent compliance with RSA 189:11-A and to request that office to cease and desist in further action regarding the Croydon School Board in relation to RSA 189:11-A."

Respectfully submitted,
GORDON B. FLINT
Superintendent of Schools

CROYDON SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET

	Actual 1975-76	Estimate 1976-77
Administration:		
Salaries, District Officers	\$ 405.00	\$ 405.00
Contracted Services	35.00	35.00
Other Expenses	200.00	250.00
Instruction:		
Salary of Teacher & Substitutes	8,550.00	9,250.00
Salary of Teacher Aide	2,420.00	3,240.00
Textbooks	160.00	160.00
Library & Audiovisual Materials	240.00	240.00
Teaching Supplies	400.00	500.00
Contracted Services		1,620.00
Health Services:	720.00	745.00
Pupil Transportation:	9,850.40	11,086.00
Operation of Plant:		
Salary of Janitor	1,320.00	1,408.00
Supplies	115.00	115.00
Heat	600.00	650.00
Utilities	450.00	500.00
Maintenance of Plant:	850.00	850.00
Fixed Charges:		
Retirement & Social Security	1,048.00	1,095.00
Insurance	106.00	553.00
Health Insurance	200.00	400.00
Capital Outlay:		
Equipment	50.00	50.00
Outgoing Transfer Accounts:		
Tuition: High School (Grades 9-12)	30,740.00	37,440.00
Junior High (Grades 7-8)	9,570.00	11,100.00
Elementary (Grades 4-6)	12,640.00	16,544.00
Share of Supervisory Union Expenses	1,385.70	1,589.00
Tuition for Handicapped	885.00	1,221.00
	\$ 82,940.10	\$101,046.00

INCOME

	Actual 1975-76	Estimate 1976-77
Balance	\$ 9,388.65	\$ 1,500.00
Revenue from State Sources:		
Sweepstakes	1,947.31	1,947.00
Incentive Aid (A R E A)	487.80	488.00
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Total Income	\$ 11,823.76	\$ 3,935.00
District Appropriation	71,116.34	97,111.00
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	\$ 82,940.10	\$101,046.00

SCHOOL WARRANT

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the Inhabitants of the School District, in the Town of Croydon, qualified to vote in District Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said District on the 4th day of March 1976 at 7:30 p. m. to act upon the Articles set forth in this Warrant—not covering the election of District Officers. Said Officers will be elected on the 2nd day of March, 1976 at Town Meeting in said Town Hall and voting will be by official ballot and check-lists.

Article 1. To choose a Moderator for the ensuing year.

Article 2. To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.

Article 3. To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.

Article 4. To choose a Member of the School Board for the ensuing three years.

Article 5. To choose an Auditor for the ensuing year.

(Articles 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 will be acted upon at Town Meeting.)

Article 6. To hear reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees, or Officers chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.

Article 7. To see what sum of money the District will vote to raise and appropriate for the support of schools, for the payment of salaries of School District Officials and Agents, and for the payment of statutory obligations of the District.

Article 8. To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Given under our hands at said Croydon this tenth day of February 1976.

DOROTHY BALLOU
WILLIAM WALSH
AGNES MacKENZIE
Croydon School Board

A True Copy—Attest:
DOROTHY BALLOU
WILLIAM WALSH
AGNES MacKENZIE
Croydon School Board

BIRTHS

Registered in the Town of Croydon for the year ending December 31, 1975

Date of Birth	Place of Birth	Name of Child	Sex	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother	Residence of Parents
Feb. 11	Claremont	Chris Aaron Dearden	M	Robert J. Dearden	Elsie J. Heath	Croydon
June 16	Newport	Addy Mae Weber	F	John E. Weber	Rita M. Stone	Croydon
Aug. 15	Newport	Martha Ann Bardelli	F	Alfred A. Bardelli	Chandler Fogg	Croydon

MARRIAGES

Registered in the Town of Croydon for the year ending December 31, 1975

Date of Marriage	Place of Marriage	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride	Residence of Each at Time of Marriage	Date of Birth	Place of Birth of Each	Names of Parents	Name, Residence and Official Station of Persons by Whom Married
Feb. 1	Sunapee	Alan B. Phillips Dianne M. Weed	Croydon Unity	6- 6-51 N. H. 3-31-56 N. H.		Clayton Phillips Cynthia Downing Kenneth Weed Dorothy LaPointe	Thomas Savage, Catholic Priest
March 23	Claremont	Charles M. Katz Susan L. Selbe	Croydon Croydon	7-10-49 N. Y. 10-31-51 Ill.		Isidore Katz Dora Lapchinsky Rexford Selbe Jane Williams	Samuel Umen, Rabbi
Aug. 30	Newport	Philip J. Armstrong Lucille A. Houde	Croydon Newport	9- 1-24 N. H. 2-26-26 N. H.		Charles Armstrong Alice Rollins Wilfred Stone Alice Langevine	Richard A. Wallace, Minister

DEATHS

Registered in the Town of Croydon for the year ending December 31, 1975

Date of Death	Place of Death	Name and Surname of the Deceased	Age	Place of Birth	Sex	Condition	Occupation	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother
Mar. 21	Newport	Harry L. Porter	79	N. H.	M	M	Poultry Farming	Julius Porter	Emma Reynolds
Apr. 29	Phoenix- ville, Pa.	Martin P. Chworowsky	75		M	M	College Professor		
July 2	Newport	Elsie C. Sandreuter	71	State of Wash.	F	M	Housewife	Charles A. Creese	Sofie Faller
Dec. 15	Newport	Evelyn M. Thompson	36	N. H.	F	W	Housewife	Aaron Whipple	Cora Merrill

I hereby certify that the foregoing returns are correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

RITA D. GROSS

Town Clerk



Snow Roller and Oxen at Cutting's in Ryder Corner



Charles Forehand, Forehand Road



**Grist Mill and Lumber Mill
At the Old Dam, East Village**

